

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-25 are pending and under consideration.

As a preliminary matter, it is noted that page 11 of the Office Action states that (in the previous response) the Applicant has acquiesced with regard to the rejections based on Watanabe in the previous Office Action. The Applicant disagrees, because page 6, lines 4-11 of the previously filed response propose distinctions between Watanabe and the claimed invention.

The present rejections are now discussed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Watanabe and Nakajima

Independent claim 1 recites a lower case, that the deck slides into and out of, having a penetration having a substantially same shape as the protrusion and independent claim 11 recites the protruding space has a substantially same shape as the penetration.

According to the Examiner, Nakajima teaches a hole in the base 1 that corresponds to the claimed penetration, and a spindle motor 7 that corresponds to the claimed protrusion. However, the hole in the base 1 is shaped essentially like the plate 2, and is not shaped like the spindle motor 7.

Thus, Nakajima does not teach this claimed feature.

With respect to Watanabe, the Examiner relies upon the internal space of the chassis 10 of the reference as corresponding to the claimed penetration, and the lower extending portion of the tray 2 as corresponding to the claimed protrusion. However, as shown in the right-hand side of Fig. 5A of Watanabe, the tray 2 does not have the same shape as the space in the chassis 10. Specifically, the tray 2 has upper and lower arms on the right side, but no middle portion therebetween, whereas the chassis 10 runs completely along the right hand side.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 based on Watanabe

The above comments with respect to Watanabe apply here. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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